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ACT
Of PARLIAMENT

AT *EDINBURGH*, The Fifth day of *October*, 1696, Anent the Petition given in, and preſented to his Grace, his Majeſties High Commiſſioner, and the Right Honorable the Eſtates of Parliament, By the Magiſtrates & Town Council of *BAMFF*, in Name and Behalf of their Burgh.

SHEWETH,

THAT where the Petitioners have an Harbour in the mouth of the Water of *Doveron*, very Commodious for Trade, and the paſſage of all Veſſels betwixt the *North* and *South*, which albeit built on the one ſide, yet on the other ſide is quite bare, which when ever any Speat comes, occaſions the bringing down of ſo much Chingle and Sand; that its like to render their Harbour uſeleſs: And ſeing that the only and certain Remedie for preſerving their Harbour is, that the ſame ſhould be built on the other ſide, whereby the Water may be brought to a ſtraiter Currant for carrying off the ſaid Chingle and Sand, and preventing the like in time coming, which they cannot do without ſome publict Aſſiſtance; as is uſual in the like Caſes. THEREFORE, Humbly Craving, That his Grace and Lordſhips would be pleaſed to Ordain and Allow the Petitioners to have a publict Contribution through all the Kirks and Pariſhes in the Kingdom, upon the ſecond Sabbath of *March* in the year 1697, and to Authorize a Proclamation [illegible] and intimat the ſabbath preceding for that effect, as the ſaid Petition [illegible] bears. WHICH Petition being upon the day and date [illegible] Read in Preſence of his Majeſties high Commiſſioner, and Eſtates of Parliament, and they having conſidered the ſame, they Granted, And do hereby GRANT the [illegible] of, the Petitioners being alwife lyable to compt for [illegible] ſhall happen to be contributed to the Effect within repreſented, at [illegible] Principal of the Shire of [illegible] and his Deputes. Extracted [illegible] *Alexander Gibſon* one of the Principal Clerks of Seſſion, [illegible] eſt. &c. from Charles Earl of [illegible], Clerk to his Majeſties Councel, Regiſter and Rolls

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